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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.133, Applicant's agent submits the following written statement of the substance of the telephone interview conducted on April 20, 2004 between Jacob Erlich and Orlando Lopez, Applicants' representatives, and Examiners Andrew Wang and My-Chau T. Tran.

Claims discussed

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Serial No. 09/739,940 Attorney Docket No. 30626-101 Statement of Substance of the Interview

Prior Art discussed

Bal et al., "Matrix assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization Using an Active Perflorosulfonated Ionmer Film Substrate", *Anal. Chem.*, 1994, 66:3423-3430

Outcome

It was suggested that, in order to overcome the prior art of record, claim 1 be amended to add that the claimed light desorption/ionization mass spectroscopy is not matrix assisted (is matrix-less) laser desorption/ionization mass spectroscopy and show where support can be found for this limitation.

In accordance with Section 714.01 of the M.P.E.P., the following information is presented in the event that a call may be deemed desirable by the Examiner:

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